





## To-day's Advertisements

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship  
*Zafiro*,  
Captain TALOR, will  
be dispatched for the above  
Port on THURSDAY, the 15th Instant,  
4 p.m., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
RUSSELL & CO.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong, December 13, 1887.

In the Matter of the COMPANIES  
ORDINANCES 1877 AND 1886;  
And  
In the Matter of the CHINA AND  
MANILA STEAMSHIP  
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Order  
of the Supreme Court of Hongkong  
in Original Jurisdiction, dated the 7th  
of December, 1887, CONFIRMING the Re-  
duction of the CAPITAL of the above  
named Company from \$500,000 to \$175,000  
and the Minute (approved by the Com-  
showing, with respect to the Capital of  
the Company as altered, the several Particulars  
required by the above Ordinances, is  
registered by the ACTING REGISTRAR  
of Companies on the 26th December, 1887.

And further TAKE NOTICE that the  
said Minute is in the words and figures  
following:-

'The Capital of the China and Man-  
ila Steamship Company, Limited,  
\$175,000 divided into 3,500 Shares  
of \$50 each fully paid-up.'

**MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW**  
Shipping.  
Daylight. — *Phra Chom Klao* leaves  
Kwatoon and Bangkok.  
Daylight. — *Namoa* leaves for Coast Po-  
noon. — *Glendal* leaves for London.  
Meeting  
5 p.m. — Meeting of Zealand Lodge.  
**Miscellaneous.**  
Goods per *Clemartyr* undelivered at  
this date subject to rent.  

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**General Memoranda.**  
**THURSDAY, December 14.**  
Noon. — Local Banks close.  
Victoria Regatta.  
Goods per *Lydia* undelivered after  
date subject to rent.  
**FRIDAY, December 15.**  
Noon. — Local Banks close.  
Victoria Regatta.  
Goods per *Finistère* undelivered at  
this date subject to rent.  
**SATURDAY, December 17.**  
Nominations for Hongkong Derby, 1  
close.  
Goods per Steamer *Djemmal* unclear  
after Noon subject to rent.  
2 p.m. — Auction of Household Furniture  
&c., at the residence of Capt. H.  
Burns, No. 8, Avenue of Land Terrace.  
Noon. — Auction of Spanish Barques  
on Board.  
Transfer Books of the Canton Insur-  
ance Office, closed from this date  
to 31st Instant, inclusive.  
**TUESDAY, December 20.**  
2 p.m. — Mr G. R. Lammer's  
Friday, December 20.  
11 a.m. — Meeting of the Hongkong &  
Level Tramways Co., Ltd., at No

sacrifice its regulation for healthiness, because of the eloquence of one or two officials, who elect to perform their duties in their own time and in their own way. Is it right that, in the early week of the dry season, the Sanitary Board should have to beandered to Chokio in a form of the simplest means of cleansing the drains, or of trapping the sewers? Is it fair or reasonable that this serious question, which has been bottled up and played with for years should still be bagged over in secret, and that the public should only now and again obtain a fleeting glimpse of the real course of inaction adopted?

To the good work that Mr Price has done to the Colony, we are as willing as any to bear testimony, but no man can adequately perform two distinct functions, one of which alone should demand a man's whole attention. The duties of Surveyor General and Sanitary Supervisor or engineer are chiefly distinct, and we do not remember any other place where they have been combined. Mr Chadwick in 1872 wrote, "that either the Colonial Surgeon or the Surveyor General should be required to exercise the necessary personal supervision, is incompatible with their other duties. And yet we have been going on with this ruinous dual system for more than five years since then. The outcome of this we have pointed out over and over again. In August 1885, writing on the prevalence of Typhoid fever in Hongkong, we said:—

One of the most pressing necessities of Hongkong sanitation is without doubt the removal of the causes of the outbreak of typhoid, which has lately visited the upper terraces levels of the town. In spite of the

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Solicitors for the Company

SHIPPING.	
ARRIVALS.	
December 13, 1887.	
Tamoi, British steamer, 919, S. Hughes; Shanghai December 9, General BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.	
Zafro, British steamer, 675, R. M. T. bot, Manila December 11, General BUTTERFIELD & CC.	
Soochow, British steamer, 1,000, J. Harris, Swatow December 11, General BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.	
Comet, British steamer, 1,049, J. D. Swatow December 12, General.—HUNTER & CO.	
Chan Grant, British barque, 1,005, A. Moody, London July 26, Ballast.—OULTON & CO.	
Airlie Fremantle, British barquentine, J. E. Knight, Sharks Bay October 20, Sandalwood.—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	
DEPARTURES.	
December 13.—	
Oahu, for Europe.	
Chelyada, for Saigon.	
Ardaya, for Bangkok.	
Menglaui, for Singapore and London.	
CLEARED.	
Devonhurst, for Hoohow and Singapore.	
Jaime, for Hoohow and Pakhoi.	
Triumph, for Hongkong.	
Nemao, for Compo Port.	
Elygin, for Labuan.	
Trivet, for Bangkok.	
Comet, for Singapore.	
Phra Chum Kiao, for Swatow and Bangkok.	
PASSENGERS.	
ARRIVED.	
Per Tamoi, from Shanghai, 1 Chinese.	
Per Zafro, from Manila, 2 Europeans and 14 Chinese.	
Per Soochow, from Swatow, 77 Chinese.	
Per Comet, from Swatow, 600 Chinese for Straits Settlements.	
DEPARTED.	
Per Oahu, from Hongkong; for Siam, Mr. and Mrs. Engler, 2 children and two Messrs Than Lay, Lee Woo, Whang Tso, 4 Chinese; for Singapore, Messrs M. Borchart, B. D. Coleman, H. P. McK. L. Smith, and 3 Chinese; for Marcellus, J. J. Francis, Q. C. Messrs W. L. Hunt, W. M. Mahonoff, and 20 Hongkong, and M. A. Marx. From Shanghai: for Siam, Mr. and Mrs. infant, Mr. Le Calé	

Noon.—Auction of British Steamer *Z*  
on Board.

**A. S. WATSON & CO.**  
LIMITED.

**Christmas Confection**  
*JUST RECEIVED*  
**CRYSTALIZED FRUITS,**  
**CHOCOLATE ORAMS,**  
**BURNT ALMONDS, and**  
**SUNDRY SWEETS.**  
*Also,*  
**ROSE WATER & OTHER ORACK**  
in great variety.

**NEW SEASON'S**  
**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CARDS**  
including some  
**CHROMOS OF SWISS AND HOME**  
**SCENERY,**  
*Suitable for Framing.*

**NEW ILLUSTRATED PHOTOGRAPH**  
**ALBUMS.**

**A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.**  
**THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY**  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.  
Hongkong, December 12, 1887.

**BIRTH.**  
On the 6th Inst., at the German  
Missions, Manila, the Wife of Dr. O. E.  
MOELLERDOERF, of a Son.

*The publication of this issue commences*  
at 8.20 p.m.

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**The China Mail.**

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**HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13,**

**A SANITARY RETROSPECT.**  
It is a strange and sad fact that  
bodies and especially Government De-  
partments are almost impervious to va-  
riety and arguments, and will only move  
some public calamity has stirred up  
people against their mastery pol-  
'How not to do it'. Fully six years  
Mr Chadwick, in his admirable report  
the insanitary condition of Hong-  
kong, trusted that strong and complete mea-  
sures of sanitation 'would be taken',  
waiting for the necessity to be demon-  
strated by the irresistible logic of a severe

ment upon us to refresh the memory of those concerned on this important matter, and to reiterate the official members of the grave subject than the explosion of typhoid fever from the vital statistics of this Colony could not be committed to their care. We pointed out in some previous remarks that, although the recommendations of Mr Osbert Chadwick as to sanitation had been duly sanctioned, the measures necessary for carrying these valuable suggestions into effect had only been commenced, and would therefore have to be spread over probably ten years. The law of selection, therefore, applies in this matter, and those sections of the work which may the more easily fit in to the exigencies of the Public Works Department will possibly be the particular portions first selected for completion. We do not say that this is the case, although, assuming that Mr Price entertains strong views on a certain course being adopted, it is more than likely that a different programme would have a poor chance of adoption. This is merely a natural consequence, and is not surprising.

And this is what has happened. We know we are only repeating what we have said over and over again, but truths must be dinned into the ears of our officials before they will listen to them; and even after all has been said, they seem inclined to wait till 'the irresistible logic of a severe epidemic' has appealed to them. That it is the system rather than the men that is at fault we have all along maintained. What we said in July 1888 we can as readily repeat to-day—

The present Surveyor General (Mr J. M. Price), who may be described as the ablest head of the Public Works Department, has Mr Hastings as his deputy, and the duties of his office a little over thirteen years ago. During this period nearly half of the dwellings of the city have been erected, or reconstructed. It therefore follows that, if the drains connected with these dwellings had been constructed to the satisfaction of the Surveyor General, the report of Mr Chadwick—that almost every house in the city urgently required re-draining—would not have been issued. It is only as it undoubtedly was. It can only be assumed, therefore, that the drains were not constructed to the satisfaction of the Surveyor General. It is perfectly well known that Mr Price is not so easily satisfied with a poor doubtful workmanship while the verdict of Mr Chadwick, a specialist of great eminence, as to the defects of house-drainage generally, would have been fatal to the retention of Mr Hastings as his deputy. Mr Price's drains have been constructed by him, already

Marseilles, Mr and Mrs De Gardins  
infant: Messrs Oh-Schlee, Joret, Pania

[illegible]

came round filled the houses in the W  
or other districts with fever-patients  
every year seems to bring on near  
time when 'a severe epidemic' will  
bring about a crisis. Meantime miasma  
has been wasted in the districts  
of backyards and other minor  
while but little has been done to  
the great source of all the trouble  
defective drainage of Hongkong  
can pass through the Western district  
the present moment without feeling a  
stench enough to knock down an  
soldiers—not only in the lower levels  
densely-peopled slums, but near the  
of the European residents in the  
levels. Of course we are told, and  
been told for the last half dozen years  
all will be remedied when the Tientsin  
works are completed. But it does  
follow that nothing is to be done until  
great, event occurs, and that the pop  
to be left to die till the Surveyor G  
plans are matured. More than a  
we forcibly urged that much might  
at no great expense to remedy the  
waiting for the effective remedy  
shape of an adequate water supply.  
we wrote then is so entirely applic  
the present position that 'we cannot  
repeat it. In October 1886 we wrote  
While we are ready to sympathize  
the desire which calls for complete  
ness, completeness, and thoroughness  
everything—and not least in the m  
sanitation—we now again state, we  
have said and our sought for ingre  
has concerned the public of Hong  
long fail to understand why they sh  
poisoned with sewage gas during the  
three years which must elapse ere the  
system be reformed and the Praya  
made more useful than they can now  
funnel-crooks or fever-traps.

It is nothing to be done to cleanse  
all the three feet high, walls, drains  
the last stone of the grand sanitary  
is about to be laid. Is every man  
take remedial action to be met by a  
monotonous answer putting off the  
by the vague phrase 'Is the Go

strongest reasons for not exercising the powers vested in him by law, otherwise it alone would be responsible for the terrible defective condition of house-drains constructed during his tenure of office, and for all the awful consequences that have flowed therefrom.

The question of responsibility, however, can now be allowed to pass; but what we must continue to insist upon is that the system be radically changed. The drainage of Hongkong cannot, we know, be revolutionised in a day, but it is monstrous the officials should daily and play with the worst while disease is rampant on all sides and few simple remedies might be applied.

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## TELEGRAMS.

(Via Southern Line.)

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']

### FRANCE.

LONDON, 31th December, 1887.

M. Goblet being unable to form a new Cabinet, M. Fallières is endeavouring to form a Ministry from among the Moderates.

[M. Fallières was Minister for the Interior (Home Affairs) in the Rouvier Cabinet, which has just resigned. He is a member of the group *Gauche République* and has been connected with two or three of the short-lived French Ministries. In 1881 he was Under-Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and Public Works in Ferry's Cabinet, and in 1883, when Ferry again came into power, he was appointed Minister of Education and Arts. He is a member of the Bar and is 46 years of age. — *Ed. C. M.*]

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AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the *Paris Figaro*, of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and premature decay. In Old Mexico, it was found by a missionary, who had discovered it among his miserable aborigines, and an early Druggist. We learn that the Dr. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Marston, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., has sent the prescription, free of charge, to recipients of a self-addressed stamped envelope.



Day of Month.	Tideon WATER.		Sun.	
	Morn.	Aft.	lises.	Sets.
13	8. 45.	7. 45.	6. 52.	5. 10.
14	9. 30.	7. 20.	6. 52.	5. 16.
15	10. 28.	6. 55.	6. 31.	5. 17.
16	11. 28.	6. 55.	6. 35.	5. 17.
17	0. 12 (P.)	11. 33.	6. 35.	5. 16.
18	0. 55.	11. 9.	6. 36.	5. 12.

The water at Whampoa 2 hrs. 30 mins. later than at Hongkong.

Barrier 2 hrs. 30 mins. later than at Whampoa.

Flats 3 hrs. 30 mins. later than at Whampoa.

8 hrs. 45 mins. later than at Whampoa.



